

SELECT BIPARTISAN COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE THE PREPARATION FOR AND RESPONSE TO HURRICANE KATRINA TOM DAVIS, CHAIRMAN



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House Select Committee to Start Hurricane Investigation by Examining Katrina Forecasts

*Key Questions: What Did Officials Know About Potential Impact of Katrina?
When Did They Know It? And, How Was The Information Conveyed to the Public?*

What: **First Hearing of the House Select Committee on Hurricane Katrina,
“Predicting Hurricanes: What We Knew About Katrina and When”**

When: *** * * TOMORROW – Thursday, September 22, 2005 at 10 a.m. * * ***

Where: **2154 Rayburn House Office Building**

Background: **Chairman Tom Davis will convene the first hearing of the House Select Bipartisan Committee to better understand the forecasting of Hurricane Katrina, assess the communications relating to those forecasts, and examine the predictions of hurricanes of increasing numbers and intensity.**

“This is the logical first step for the Committee charged with investigating the preparation and response to Katrina,” Davis said. “We need to first learn what officials and the public were told about the storm and when they were told it. Then we can turn to examining the response.”

In addition, the Select Committee’s second hearing will be Tuesday, September 27th, featuring former FEMA director Michael Brown.

Witnesses: **Brigadier General David L. Johnson (ret.), Director of National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s National Weather Service**

Dr. Max Mayfield, Director of the National Weather Service’s National Hurricane Center

The Select Committee members are:

Tom Davis (VA), Chairman

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